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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEFENSE

(Approved by the EIC, 6 January 1959)

A. Mission of EIC Subcommittee on Economic Defense

The mission of the EIC Subcommittee on Economic Defense is to provide an organizational framework for carrying out within its field the basic responsibilities of the EIC in developing and coordinating intelligence as required by the Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC) and the Advisory Committee on Export Policy (ACEP) and in facilitating cooperation among the intelligence-research elements engaged in the economic defense program.

B. Membership and Organization

1. Membership of the Subcommittee on Economic Defense consists of representatives of the USIB agencies as designated by these departments and agencies and approved by the EIC.

2. Associate membership of the Subcommittee consists of representatives of the Staff of the Deputy Administrator for Mutual Defense Assistance Control/Department of State, the Departments of Commerce, State (ECD), and Treasury, and the International Cooperation Administration. Any other department or agency having an interest or competence in the field of economic defense intelligence may be invited to sit with the Subcommittee, subject to the approval of the EIC. Associate members will have full right of attendance at all meetings and participation in all the work of the Subcommittee except for such meetings or work programs which concern intelligence matters within the exclusive responsibility and jurisdiction of the USIB departments and agencies.

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3. Active participation by agency representatives generally is governed by (a) the extent to which each agency concerned has responsibilities in the field of economic defense, (b) the extent to which an agency has an interest in economic intelligence of broader scope which involves reference matters within the scope of the Subcommittee, and (c) the availability of qualified personnel.

4. The Chairman of the Subcommittee is designated by the EIC, and the Central Intelligence Agency provides the permanent Secretariat. The Subcommittee may set up ad hoc working groups as necessary to assist in carrying out any of its assigned functions. The production of interdepartmental economic intelligence normally is assigned to ad hoc working groups rather than to the Subcommittee proper.

C. Functions

As the standing interagency intelligence group of professional personnel in the field of economic defense intelligence, the Subcommittee shall perform the following minimum functions:

1. Identify significant research and collection deficiencies in the field of economic defense intelligence, with particular reference to the needs of the Economic Defense Advisory Committee (EDAC) and of the Advisory Committee on Export Policy (ACEP).

2. Develop, and report as requested to the EIC, ways in which these recognized research deficiencies could be, or are being, corrected and ways in which improvements could be, or are being, made in economic intelligence collection requirements and in the distribution and processing of economic defense intelligence information.

3. Produce, or arrange for the production of interdepartmental intelligence reports in support of the economic defense program on subjects which transcend the competence of a single department or agency.

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4. Arrange for the coordination of individual agency intelligence reports in support of economic defense activities, provided these intelligence reports are deemed of sufficient national security importance to warrant the solicitation of concurrences from representatives on the Subcommittee.

5. Mobilize the economic and technical information available in or to the Government for the purpose of providing intelligence support for economic defense programs and activities. Such support will normally take the form of ad hoc responses to the request of EDAC, ACEP, or USIB Committees.

6. Assist or advise agencies in the programming of intelligence research in support of economic defense programs or activities in order to minimize duplication and assure as effective a distribution of research efforts as is practicable in view of each Agency's responsibilities and capabilities.

D. Operating Procedures

The Subcommittee shall establish its own operating procedures subject to the following conditions:

1. It shall meet in formal session at least once each fiscal year to prepare and approve its Annual Report to the EIC. The Annual Report will be responsive to the request of the EIC Secretariat and will report on the activities of the Subcommittee in fulfilling its functions as outlined in C, above. The Subcommittee will schedule other meetings as required to fulfill its functions.

2. The Subcommittee Secretariat shall provide all appropriate EIC members, the Subcommittee, and the EIC Secretariat with copies of the Agenda and Minutes of its meetings.

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3. Reports and recommendations which have been approved by the Subcommittee may be transmitted to the requestor departments and agencies without prior formal clearance by the EIC. However, such reports shall be so marked, and shall be simultaneously submitted to the EIC for its formal clearance. In case of dissent at the Subcommittee level, reports or recommendations shall not be transmitted to the requestor departments or agencies until such reports or recommendations and the dissent or dissents thereto, have been submitted to the EIC for resolution.

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